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## **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1008**

### **A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL FLOOD  
CONTROL PROJECT FOR THE LOWER SANTA CRUZ RIVER WATERSHED IN PINAL COUNTY,  
ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:  
2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:  
3 Whereas, the Lower Santa Cruz River watershed has a long history of  
4 frequent and severe floods; and  
5 Whereas, such severe flooding causes widespread damage across central  
6 Arizona, affecting many communities throughout the region, including dozens  
7 of cities, towns, Native American communities, farms, homes, residential  
8 neighborhoods, businesses and critical infrastructure; and  
9 Whereas, Pinal County was the second fastest growing county in the  
10 United States during the past decade, with a projected population of more  
11 than one million people by 2030; and  
12 Whereas, six of the seven most damaging floods have occurred in the  
13 past fifty years, and a major flood today or in the future could potentially  
14 devastate the entire region; and  
15 Whereas, federal involvement is necessary to protect the region from  
16 flooding as the watershed covers 8,600 square miles, with substantial federal  
17 interests and jurisdiction throughout the region; and  
18 Whereas, efforts to study the flooding problems have been made by  
19 federal, state and local agencies, but no comprehensive regional project has  
20 been undertaken; and  
21 Whereas, the federal government is authorized under federal law and  
22 well-established precedent in Arizona to undertake such a project; and  
23 Whereas, local communities and stakeholders are prepared to assist in  
24 this effort and to meet their obligations under any such project; and  
25 Whereas, local communities and stakeholders have formed a nonprofit  
26 organization called the Lower Santa Cruz River Alliance to support this  
27 effort.  
28 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
29 Representatives concurring, prays:  
30 1. That the United States Congress and appropriate federal government  
31 agencies fully support and fund a federal flood control project for the Lower  
32 Santa Cruz River watershed in Pinal County, Arizona.  
33 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
34 of this Memorial to the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the  
35 United States Army Corps of Engineers, the President of the United States  
36 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each  
37 Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 7, 2011.~~

~~PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 1, 2011.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 12, 2011.~~

Passed the House April 7, 20 11,

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 1, 20 11,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

Charmian Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20 11,

at 11:13 o'clock a M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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